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TOTAL CLAIMS	15	MINUS	20	= 0	X \$18	\$ 0
INDEP. CLAIMS	3	MINUS	3	= 0	X \$88	\$ 0
[] FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM					+ \$300	\$ 0
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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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In reply to the Office Action dated September 2, 2004, reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested. Claims 1-15 remain pending in the application.

In numbered paragraph 11, on page 6 of the Office Action, the Examiner has indicated that claims 3-5 and 9 contain allowable subject matter.

In numbered paragraph 2, on page 2 of the Office Action, independent claims 1, 10 and 14, along with various dependent claims, are rejected under 35 U.S.C § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,611,863 (Banginwar). This rejection is respectfully traversed. Banginwar does not disclose or suggest "converting the first policy into at least a second policy and a third policy, wherein the second policy is associated with the first function and the second policy is associated with the second function," as recited in claim 1. In addition, Banginwar does not disclose or suggest "converting the first policy and the second policy into a third policy, wherein the third policy is associated with the first function and the second

function,” as recited in claim 10; and “conversion means for converting at least one of a high-level policy into a plurality of low-level policies and a plurality of high-level policies into a low-level policy,” as recited in claim 14.

The Banginwar patent discloses device proxies 116 can receive a policy from the policy server 112, convert the policy to a device-specific configuration (i.e., a configuration that is native to the device) and then distribute the policy to one or more devices 120 within the network 100 using native or device-specific communication protocols (column 3, lines 21-29). Because the Banginwar patent describes converting a policy to a device-specific configuration, the conversion policies as disclosed by Banginwar's patent are one-to-one device-type conversions to match devices to types of policies. The Banginwar patent does not disclose or suggest converting a first policy into second and third policies as recited in claim 1. The Banginwar patent relates to converting a policy to match a device-specific configuration, but it does not disclose or suggest converting a first policy into at least a second policy and a third policy as recited in claim 1, which encompasses dividing of the policy. This patent does not disclose or suggest two policies being converted into a third policy as recited in claim 10, which encompasses fusing of multiple policies, and/or the dual capability of converting policies as recited in claim 14, which encompasses dividing and fusing of policies.

The converting of a first policy into multiple policies (e.g., dividing a policy) is supported in the specification at least at pages 57 and 58, and an exemplary illustration is shown in Figure 23(a). The converting of multiple policies into a third policy (e.g., fusing policies) is also supported in the specification at least at paragraph [00135] and its exemplary illustration is shown in Figure 23(a). The fusing

of policies is also supported in the specification at least at paragraph [00136] and shown as an exemplary illustration in Figure 23(b). The Banginwar patent merely relates to device-specific policies, but does not anticipate converting policies as recited in Applicants' claims, which various encompass the dividing or fusing of policies.

As such, Applicants' independent claims 1, 10 and 14 are allowable. All of the remaining claims depend from independent claims 1, 10 and 14, and are also allowable.


Should there be questions regarding any of the above, it is respectfully requested that the undersigned be contacted at the number shown below.

All objections and rejections raised in the Office Action having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and such allowance is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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